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STRANGER WHO WAS WITH WIL-LIAMS DISAPPEARS.

FOUND SLAIN IN HIS SLEIGH.

He Bired the Murdered Man to Drive Him Into the Country-No Apparent Motive for the Crime-Posse of Farmers Scours the Country Around for the Suspect.

45 or 40 years old, of light complexion, well dressed and pleasant in manner, went | Flower as much as their own. to the village of Watchung, near here, that a c'clock this morning and asked im to Warrenville. He seemed mary and told those to hom he spoke that he had important | business that necessitated his getting to

was away. Then the man to the crocery store of George Wiland asked Mr. Williams if he could -pare time to drive him to Warrenville. are an important engagement there

you wall for your trouble." Williams was busy and didn't want to cas so picasant in his insistence that illiams finally consented. He hitched up man about 11 o'clock on the road to Warren-

sleigh tied to a fence at the roadside about four miles from Watchung. At first Pope did not see there was a body in the sleigh, but as he drove closer he saw the body of | ting off the daughter. a man in a crouching position on the bot-

he knew well. Williams was dead apparently but a

Pope found on examining the body.

The farmer tied the dead man's horse with Williams's body. The news of the grocer having been murdered was all over the country in an hour or two. Farmers | Capt. Taggart Accuses Capt. Bash, Bertha came into the village for miles around. carrying shotguns, rifles and pistols. With Pope and others leading, a posse was organized to search the countryside for the stranger that had hired Williams to drive

The posse went to the spot where Pope found Williams's sleigh tied to the fence. There they got a clue that pointed directly the stranger as the murderer. Footprints led straight across a bread field to the farmhouse of a man named Pollack. he name given by the stranger as the peron he wanted to see at Warrenville. From Pollack's house the footprints went by field and road to the railroad station at Millingn, on the Lackawanna railroad. It was at least four miles to Pollack's house and perhaps two more to Millington, and the murderer was walking fast or running, from the appearance of the footprints.

The station agent at Millington said be ad seen a man that answered the description of the one the posse was after appear on the station platform some time in the efternoon, he could not remember just 3 o'clock, he thought. Anyway, he said, it was just before a train or New York came along. The man did not buy a ticket, but it would have been quite possible for him to board the train without eing especially noticed, said the station

Several members of the posse had stopped t Pollack's house to see if Pollack could e found and if he had any information to hat had been so anxious to see him that orning. No amount of hammering at an entrance was forced. No one was at ne. Pollack is a caterer who has lived the neighborhood of Warrenville for about a year. He is a Frenchman and ctands well with his neighbors, it was said

Search was made for him to-night, but e could not be found. Pollack is not thought to be connected with the murder. County Detective George B. Cotten was

out on the case in the afternoon, but was unable to get a clue of any practical value. Williams was about 40 years old and well to do. He was president of the Watchung Social Club and was to have been master of ceremonies at a country dance that had been arranged for to-night. He leaves a wife and one child. So far as known he had no enemies. He did not have much noney with him when he drove away with he stranger, a few dollars in bills and

hange, perhaps, certainly not enough to empt any one to the commission of murder. The murder, if murder it was, is the most puzzling that th's part of the State as known for years. The stranger in a arry had nothing of the appearance of the criminal. On the contrary, he looked, he villagers say, like a business man

He was about 5 feet 9 inches tall, and his weight was about 175 pounds, those that noticed him thought. His hair was light brown and he had a sandy mustache, closely cropped. He wore a well fitting suit of clothes of dark material, a dark overcoat and a brown fedora hat. No one in the village had ever seen him before, and he was certainly unknown to the man It is believed he shot through the head

Mrs. Williams told the detective that her husband had no business troubles or other difficulties that would make a theory of suicide tenable for a moment. She was positive that her husband had been killed by the stranger.

Nothing about the appearance of the eleigh indicated that there had been a struggle, and a careful examination of the Warrenville road for miles did not afford any further information along that line.

It is believed that the stranger shot Wiliams without warning. The bullet hole in Williams's back seems to indicate that he bullet went into his heart.

The villagers believe that something definite will be learned when Pollack reappears. All to-night squads of armed farmers patrolled the country roads and kept watch, with the idea that the murget away in the night.

Daughter Cut Off With \$300,000 Will Receive \$30,000,000 After All.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 2 .- The announcement was made this afternoon that there will be no contest of the will of the late Charles Lockhart, who died leaving an estate valued at perhaps \$150,000,000 and who cut off one of his daughters, Mrs. W. S. Flower, wife of a dentist, with the income from \$300,000. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 2. - A man perhaps | It was also announced that the four favored children of Mr. Lockhart would each "chip with a sandy mustache neatly trimmed, in enough to make the share of Mrs.

This "chip in" will be about \$7,500,000 from each of the four, so about \$30,000,000 free persons he met who he could get will be the portion of Mrs. Flower, who years ago angered her father by running

Warrengille as quickly as horses could take the value of the estate of the late Stand. Governor appoints his successor to serve oods sent him to the home of William | That he was worth \$150,000,000 is now not also liable to punishment for contempt. doubted by one one. This will make the share of each of the five children about The jury returned the \$30,000,000. James H. Lockbart, John M. Lockhart, Mrs. Janet W. McCune and Mrs. | since 7 o'clock, with a recess for dinner. Lee Mason are the four children who have decided to give Mrs. Flower what would that they had reached a verdict, Recorder with Mr. Pollack, said he. "If you can have been hers had she not so grievously

time to take me there I will pay offended her father. It develops that it was because of the clerk asked the foreman, Sebastian Brinknaming of her first born that Mrs. Flower | man, what the jury's verdict was, and the make the trip, but the stranger insisted and | was made to suffer the fate of a child practically disinherited. Friends close to the family to-day tell that it was not because his horse to a sleigh and started with the she had eloped with Dr. Flower that she suffered, for that was overlooked years | rail turned white and wavered as if about ago, but when her first born came she to collapse. But presently he cheered up. That was the last seen of the grocer until | neglected to name the child for Mr. Lock-Eugene Pope, a farmer, saw a horse and hart or any of the Lockhart relatives. This, according to friends, brought about the bitter feeling which resulted in the multimillionaire making a will practically out-

Some idea of the extent of the holdings tom of the sleigh. He got out and saw at a of Lockhart can be gathered from the stateglance that it was George Williams, whom | ment made to-day by one who had handled part of his business for years, that his in- not sit here next month." come from Standard Oil stock alone was The body was still warm. \$18,000,000 annually. On each quarter he A bullet through the back had killed him, received \$4,250,000 from this stock, and while it was the largest of his holdings, it was not by any means all he had. He had at | it may be. to his own vehicle and drove into Watchung | least \$10,000,000 in ocean steamship stocks.

ARMY OFFICER CORESPONDENT.

Runkle's Husband, in Divorce Suit. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2.-It became known here to-day that Capt. Elmore F. Taggart of the United States Army, in coree proceedings against his wife at Wooster, Ohio, has named Capt. Louis N. Bash as corespondent. Capt. Bash is

Capt. Taggart is also on his way to Manila as Quartermaster of the transport Sherman. On Monday depositions were taken here to support his wife's cross complaint, and both Capt. Taggart and his wife were present. These depositions brought out cruelty charges, on which the wife relies to get divorce. It is expected that when Capt. Taggart returns, in about two months, the case will be called at Wooster, Ohio.

Mrs. Taggart left for the East to-day. wise ill treated her. She asserts that the only ground for dragging in Capt. Bash once and was jealous. She attributes Taggart's charges to the effect of the Philippine climate and to drink.

SKULL FRACTURED, MONEY GONE. tive about the pleasant mannered stranger | Ellis Taken Home by Two Men He Thanked for It-Now Dying.

Ellis, a bill clerk employed in the door could arouse anybody, and finally the offices of the American Express Company at Forty-sixth street and Madison avenue, left his desk at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday night and said he was going home. He had been paid and had about \$50 in his pockets. Shortly after 11 o'clock the door bell of his boarding house, at 461 Lexington avenue, rang and two young men living in the house opened the door. They found Ellis propped up between two young men, who said they had brought him home. Ellis thanked them for what they had done and entered the house. He had a cut on the back of his head. The two men took him upstairs, washed his head and led him

Vesterday afternoon be was found unconscious in his room and sent to Flower Hospital. His skull is fractured and the doctors think he will die. When he got to the hospital he had only some small change, and his watch was gone. According to the men with whom Ellis worked in the express office, he was not a drinking man. The people in the boarding house say he never showed the effects of liquor there. After leaving work each night he was in the habit of crossing the bridge over the New York Central tracks at Forty-fifth street. His boarding house is just north of Forty-fifth street. This bridge is poorly lighted, and the police think that he may have been slugged and robbed while crossing it. Yesterday afternoon he was found un-

BLUECOAT A CAR ROBBER? Clere Was Locked Up the First Day He

Went on Buty in Jersey City. Policeman Harry Clore, who performed his first tour of duty yesterday, was stripped of his shield by Chief Benjamin Murphy of Jersey City last evening and locked up at police headquarters on a charge of eing implicated in the wholesale robbery of freight cars at the Pennsylvania Railroad yards at Marion. He is the eighth man under arrest in connection with the thefts of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise.

Clore lives at 133 Beacon avenue, Jersey City Heights. He is married. He was appointed on Jan. 19 as a third grade patrolman and went out with the 12 o'clock piatoon in the Third precinct on Wednesday light. He was on duty only six hours.

From the homes of six employees of the Pennsylvania Pailroad who were arrested on Wednesday charged with stealing merchandise from freight cars the police yesterday carted away several wagonloads of the lost Policemen carried the stolen Policemen carried the stolen of the loot. Policemen carried the stolen goods by the armful from the wagons into a room in the headquarters building. The Jersey City police and the railroad officials estimate that the value of the goods which the prisoners got away with in the eighteen

leter might be in hiding and might try to months during which they are supposed to have operated will reach \$100,000. William Smith, one of the men arrested, who lives at 138 Manhattan avenue, was a car inspector employed by the Erie railroad, and had long been regarded as a faithful employee. His wife is a church worker.

LOCKH SET WORTH \$150,000,000. | CORONER JACKSON IS GUILTY,

SAY THE JURY, WITH A RECOM-MENDATION TO MERCY.

Prisoner Turns White When He Hears the Verdict-Passed Last Night in the Tombs and Will Be Sentenced This Morning-Solieited Bribe to Hush Crime Coroner Moses J. Jackson was found

guilty last night by the jury that has been rying him in the General Sessions for soliciting a bribe to secure the abortion of a homicide case. The jury recommended

The crime of which he is convicted is punishable by a maximum of ten years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. His conviction will vacate his office and disqualify off with a poor young dentist, Dr. Flower. him forever from office holding in this State Figures now being brought out regarding unless the judgment is reversed. The ard Oil man cause a general surprise, until the end of the year. The Coroner is

The jury returned the verdict at 11:20 o'clock last night, after having been out When they filed in and announced Goff was sent for. He was not far from the court room and was soon in his seat. The

latter replied: "Guilty of bribery, with a strong recommendation of mercy. Coroner Jackson, who stood against the

At the request of Frank Moss, counsel for Jackson, the jury was polled. Each answered "Guilty." Recorder Goff asked Mr. Moss if he had any application to make. Mr. Moss replied that he would make what applications were necessary when the Coroner was arraigned for sentence.

"To-morrow is the last day of this term of the court," said the Recorder. "I do

It was then agreed that Jackson should and food. be arraigned for sentence at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and at this time Lawyer Moss will make his application, whatever

Jackson was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Kelly, who led him across the Bridge of Sighs to the Tombs. As he was leaving the room Jackson turned to his lawyer and said in a weak voice:

"I'm sorry. "We did the best we could," replied Moss, but everything will come out all right." It was learned afterward that a majority of the jury were agreed on a verdict of guilty from the first.

Dr. Jackson was convicted on the charge in Manila, where he is living with his wife, of soliciting a bribe of \$500 from Benjamin who was Miss Bertha Runkle of New York, author of the popular novel "The Helmet who was arrested on the charge of having caused the death of a woman by a criminal operation. There is another indictment against Jackson for having attempted to oribe Deputy Assistant District Attoney Chadwick with \$200.

Frank Moss, Dr. Jackson's counsel, was the only witness for the Coroner yesterday. He testified to the conversation he had with Reass in the back room of a cigar store at 110th street and Lexington avenue after the arrest of Dr. Jackson. Reass had testified that he understood the conversation to be She declares that the last night before confidential "under certain conditions." sailing Capt. Taggart tried to effect a rec- but Mr. Moss had a typewritten copy of it, at the time. From her decks the volcano onciliation with her, but she refused, which was used by Lawyer Greenberg in she says that she can bring a score of examining Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss explained that he told Reass that he didn't want to defend a guilty man. He went on the stand, e says, because the story told by Reass is that Taggart saw her talking with Bash before the Grand Jury and on the witness stand differed from the story told him in the cigar store. At that conversation, according to Mr. Moss, Reass said that Dr. Jackson didn't ask him for any money and that Dr. Jacks n's reason for adjourning the Alexander case was because he felt he

> didn't have jurisdiction. "Mr. Moss, you have been a lawyer for twenty-four years," said Mr. Rand, "and yet you went to the back room of a cigar store at night and discussed your client's reputation with a witness for the People?"

> "Yes, sir," replied Mr. Moss. Mr. Chadwick and Lawyer Reass then testified in rebuttal. Chadwick simply denied that he had ever asked Jackson for money, and Reass denied a good deal of Jackson's testimony. Miss F. E. Maddox, a stenographer in Mr. Rand's office, testified that Coroner Jackson had sent for Chadwick several times, and on one occasion sent a message inviting Chadwick to lunch at Haan's.

In summing up, Mr. Moss declared that the case against Dr. Jackson was either manufactured in the District Attorney's office, or else Chadwick was looking for money for his own pocket.

'This case is not clean and will not wash out," he said. "If Chadwick was not a grafter he was a sly detective. This isn't a Jerome case, it is a Chadwick case, and Chadwick proved himself a Judas. Jerome never made up a tricky case. I have helped him make up some of his greatest cases and I know his methods. No man in New York owes as much to a man as the Dis-Attorney owes to me. I am entitled ir treatment."

In reply Mr. Rand said: 'No oily tongued sleek hypocrisy can disguise the issue in this case. I do not forget that the man who stands up with his hand where a man's heart usually is was professing affection for the man into whose vitals he was then trying to turn the long knife. Spa e me praise from such a man, for I would stand shamefaced in his praise and wear his censure as a decoration of honor. When Mr. Moss asked why we hadn't corroborated Reass and Chadwick with the testimony of a detective. I knew he had never been intimate with William Travers Jerome. Mr. Jerome would not dream of calling a detective to support the word of a gentleman of his staff. This man prates of decency and honor. I never saw a dirtier piece of work in a court room."

TEN-YEAR-OLD IN THE GALLERY.

Avenue Theatre Doorkeeper. James Howard, the doorkeeper of the Third Avenue Theatre, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Agents Kelly and Fogarty of the Gerry society on a charge of permitting minors to attend the performance of "Escaped From the Harem" without their parents or guardians. Complaints had been sent to the society that a | work, number of boys were in the habit of going to the theatre and buying tickets admitting

them to the top gallery. The agents had to disguise themselves to get among the gallery boys. They picked out James Ward, 10 years old, of 242 East Forty-fifth street, and two other boys as witnesses and took the doorkeeper and the low. and the boys to the Yorkville police court.

Magistrate Whitman held Howard in \$100 bail for trial in Special Sessions

ZERO WEATHER TO-DAY

Unless the Prophets Are Wrong-The Ground Hog Takes Their View.

The hibernating ground hog woke up yesterday as he is required to do by tradition and took a fleeting glance at the snowblanketed world. The sun was shining and the mercury tumbling, and fearing that his shadow might get frostbitten, he took the nearest subway station and got beyond the sunshine and the icicles.

The official weather prophets, who live in lofty places, indersed the sentiments of the ground hog. They found their charts full of frosty sunlight at nearly all points west and northwest of this neighborhood and declared that to-day was going to be the coldest, probably, of the winter. It will not be so frigid as it was yesterday at Devil's Lake, N. D. (the ancient fires of which are evidently extinguished), where the mercury got to 38 degrees below zero, or at Havre, Mon., where it was 46 degrees (Br-r-r-r-r) b-b-b-b-below; or even out at Lincoln, Neb., where it registered 22 degrees below. Places nearer the East, such as Chicago, showed a record of 14 degrees be-

low, and St. Louis was at zero. The coldest day of the winter here so far was Thursday, Jan. 26, when the mercury touched zero. The national and local prophets look for a repetition of this snap, at least. The thermometer registered 9 degrees at 11 o'clock last night and was falling steadily.

FLEET OF FLOATING HOTELS. John Arbuckle Will Open House on Monday,

Foot of West Twenty-first Street. John Arbuckle's "Deep Sea Hotel," the ship that was fitted up to accommodate boarders last summer, is to become a "floating hotel" for men and women who earn low wages, and more ships, similarly equipped, are to be added for the enter-

Mr. Arbuckie conceived the idea that his hotel ship might be used as a low priced hotel if moored at the foot of a Manhattan street, so he advertised to get an idea of the demand for cheap, clean accommodations

He proposed to charge to cents a day, or \$2.80 a week, for women and 50 cents aday, or \$3.50 a week, for men, and added "the peorer you are the more cheerfully you will be received, provided you are respect-

So many answers were received asking for accommodations that Mr. Arbuckle decided to fit up three vessels instead of one and has announced that the fleet will be moored at the foot of West Twentyfirst street and open for business on Monday next. Women only will occupy the larger ship. At present only 100 can be accommodated in the three ships. The arrangement will be continued until July when the ships will be sent to sea. All of them are heated by steam and ventilated by large fans. They will be open to visitors to-day, to-morrow and Sunday.

LONG QUIET VOLCANO ACTIVE. Momotombo, in Niearagua, in Eruption After Fifteen Tears.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2 .- Awakening from a sleep of fifteen years, the great volcano of Momotombo, on the northwest shore of Lake Managua, in Nicaragua, suddenly burst into tremendous fury on Jan. 16. The first news of the event came to-day by the steamer City of Sydney. which was in the port of Carinto, Nicaragua. and its display of fire and smoke were lainly visible. It is believed that great destruction of property and the loss of many lives among the natives around the base of the volcano resulted.

Monotombo is thirty miles in the interior from Corinto, and is a conical peak 4,000 the first act of "The Yankee Consul" at Walfeet high, somewhat resembling Fujiyama in Japan, but not snow capped. Officers and passengers of the City of Sydney say that the day was clear and that there was no wind blowing when a tongue of flame that appeared to be 500 feet long shot from Monotombo's apex. With it, but mounting straight up, arose a cloud of jet black smoke which soon covered the sky.

POOLROOM WITNESS DEAD. Was Caught in Raid-Stielde Suspected -A High Degree Mason.

William A. Mills, 32 years old, a bookkeeper in a department store in Brooklyn, died very suddenly yesterday morning at his home in the flat house at 241 Emerson place, where he lived with his wife and nine-year-old daughter by his first wife. There is a suspicion that he may have killed himself with poison and by the direction of Coroner Flaherty an autopsy will be made in the case this morning.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason, only receiving the degree at his lodge last Tuesday night, and he had planned to at-Tuesday night, and he had planned to attend another meeting of the lodge last night. On Monday he put up at a Brooklyn poolroom \$2 against \$5 on a horse running at New Orleans, and on Tuesday went to get the money, his horse having won. Capt. Gallagher raided the place during his visit and to save himself from prosecution Mills agreed to become a witness against the proprietor of the poolroom, and it was on his testimony that the latter was held for trial. held for trial.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS INDICTED. Exposure by Special Court Commissioner Bears Fruit.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 2.-The Grand Jury of Passaic county, in finishing its labors for the January term of court, handed in today indictments against Freeholders, contractors and inspectors of county work as a result of recent exposures made by John

W. Harding, a special court commissioner. True bills have been found against the Cyclopean Iron Company in the persons of the directors, Messrs. Jones, Herrold and Lozier, for poor work on the Schuyler street bridge and a bridge at Pompton. George Sisco, another contractor, was indicted for poor work on the Henry street culvert and William Sherman, another con-tractor, was indicted for jobbery in the Jackson bridge work at Little Falls. County Engineer William Whitmore has several indictments against him in con-rection with many kinds of county work

several indictments against him in con-nection with many kinds of county work, covering changes in plans for bridges and culverts without authorization and allow-ances for extra work. John P. Romaine and Isaac Walton, inspectors of bridge work, were indicted for passing on and certifying faulty bridge work as good. The investigation was begun through the efforts of the Taxpayers' Association.

NEW TOURS TO PINEHURST, N. C. Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Leave New February 19 and March 31. Round trip rate for particulars consult C. Studds, E. P. A. lith Ave., New York City.—Ade.

WHOLESOME, APPETIZING, PURE. Such is Muir's Scotch Ale-a delicious b

OUR TORPEDO BOATS TO RUSSIA. FIRE IN THE MARBLE CHURCH. Shipped From Here to Antwerp-Reshipped to Sebastopol.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MEETING ROOM A WRECK.

way Hotels in Highly Nervous State.

The Sunday school and meeting room of the Marble Collegiate Church, at Fifth | informed of the arrival of the boats, but avenue and Twenty-ninth street, which is part of the church building, but separated from the church proper by a wall of masonry, was gutted by fire last night. The police and firemen give the damage as \$1,000, but the Rev. Dr. David James Burrell, the pastor, says the memorial window on the Twenty-ninth street side, which was broken, cost \$2,000. A passerby at 7 o'clock saw smoke coming

at 1 West Twenty-ninth street. He rang the box at Twenty-eighth street. An alarm from this box brings four engines, two hook and ladder companies and two battalion chiefs. The firemen had to work at the heavy oaken doors for several minutes before they could force them and they ran a ladder up to the memorial window over the door.

In this way the window was broken. The

minute the doors were opened smoke in

out over the entrance of the Sunday school,

great volume poured out and there was considerable flame to be seen. The fire had eaten its way from the basement up to the second floor. There are only two floors. The firemen had to tear out floors and ceiling to get at the fire, and they left the interior of the building a wreck. The fire seemed to have caught

from the furnace. Dr. Burrell's study and library on the ground floor were not damaged. Dr. Burrell has a fine library in his study.

All the time the firemen were at work no one appeared who had anything to do with the church. Dr. Burrell lives at 248 West Seventy-fifth street and was visiting the Rev. Donald Sage Mackay in his study at the Collegiate Church at Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street. THE SUN telephoned news of the fire to his house, and his wife telephoned to Dr. Mackay's church, but Dr. Burrell had started home. When he got there he hurried downtown again to see what damage had been done.

The last person in the church before the fire was discovered was the man who takes charge of the furnace in the school end of the structure. He left at 5 o'clock after banking the furnace fire for the night.

The fire in the church scared the people living in the Holland House. The hotel adjoins the church on the north. There is a space between the structures, and some time before the fire was discovered the hotel began to fill up with smoke. The hotel management hunted high and low in their building for the cause of the smoke, but couldn't find any fire. While the attachés of the hotel and the guests were getting more and more nervous every minute the rattle of the fire engines was heard.

The fire held up traffic on Broadway and Fifth avenue for three-quarters of an our. Lines of hose were strung across both thoroughfares. One fire engine stood across the way from the Hotel Breslin and the Gilsey House and pumped water from the hydrant on the northwest corner of Broadway and Twenty-ninth street. The noise of the engine created quite a flurry in both hotels.

FAT END SEAT MAN ARGUES IT. Wouldn't Get Up in Theatre, and Late

Comers Had to Try Tother Alsle. Shortly after the curtain went up on lack's last night a man and a woman in evening dress were ushered down the aisle to the right of the middle section. A fat man on the end seat of their row refused to get up and let the pair squeeze by him on their way to seats Nos. 5 and 6.

"Not on your life," said he. "Never will I get up for anybody that basn't got sense enough to find his seat properly. Here are twelve seats in this row. You are trying to get in from the right side, thereby dis turbing six people after the show has begun and we're all interested. If you had any sense you would have gone to the left side of this section and disturbed only four people. People like you ought to have

People began to stir and turn around and grumble at the noise. Raymond Hitchcock and the others of the company noticed the interruption and the show lagged a bit. The manager was sent for. The fat man sat on what he thought were his rights. No, he would not move. Let the dunderhead go to the right side, said he.

The girl with the blunderer was much embarrassed. The manager was embarrassed, but helpless, he admitted. After several minutes wait the fat man had his way. The pair went around to the other side, with half the house grinning at them.

ONE HOCH WIFE POISONED? Chicago Police Believe They Can Convict the Alleged Bigamist of Murder

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 .- Evidence that Mrs Marie Welker-Hoch was poisoned with arsenic, presumably by her bigamist husband. Johann Hoch, is believed by the police now to be established definitely. An effort may he made to have Hoch indicted for murder before the present Grand Jury.

Coroner Hoffman is satisfied that arsenic was administered to the woman and that this poison caused her death. His opinion is based upon the result thus far of the chemical analysis being made by Dr. Lewks. Arsenic in large quantities was found in Mrs. Welker-Hoch's stomach

Dr. Lewke has completed an analysis of the embalming fluid used by the undertaker who had charge of the burial and finds that it does not contain arsenic. To-day Dr. Lewke began the examination of the instruments used in the embalming process. He is satisfied that he will find no poison on these instruments, but will make thorough tests.

No attempt will be made to hold an in-No attempt will be made to hold an in-quest until the prisoner is brought back to Chicago from New York. An officer was sent to New York to-day after Hoch. As copies of the indictments returned yesterday were at once sent to Spring-field it is believed the necessary requisition papers will be sent to New York from Albany by Saturday morning. ATTRACTIVE OUTINGS IN PINEHURST, N.C.

rsonally conducted tours via Pennsylvania ilroad, February 10 and March 31. Round y rate from New York, 32. Fill information 2. Studds, E. P. A., 203 Fifth Avenue, New York 1.—Ade.

Onickest Line to Cleveland. Leave New York 522 P. M., arrive Cleveland 15 heat morning, Cincinnati 120 P. M., Indian-soils 250 P. M. 5t. Louis 945 P. M., by New York entral. Fine Service. No excess fare.—2 ds.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ANTWERP, Feb. 2 .- The American built torpedo boats, which arrived here in sec-Church Proper Escapes and Dr. Burrell's tions on board a steamer from New York, Study Is Undamaged-Memorial Win- were quietly picked up on Monday by a dew Broken-Holland House and Broad- German steamer bound for Sebastopol by

> The Japanese Legation at Brussels was they vanished before anything could be done to prevent their delivery.

BIG SUN SPOT DISCOVERED.

Prof. Cole of Chicago Spies It, and Finds It to Be 80,000 Miles Long. CHICAGO, Feb. 2 .-- A huge sun spot, believed to be one of the largest and best defined ever observed by astronomers, was discovered yesterday by Prof. A. K. Cole, who is a student of astronomy and a teacher of biology in the Lake High School. Mathematical calculations show that the spot Prof. Cole observed on the surface of the sun was over 80,000 miles long. The spot was egg shaped, and could be dis-

"It was situated east of the central portion of the sun, and almost in the middle of the luminary. said Prof. Cole.

perned easily through a smoked glass.

several days. Sr. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 2 .- The sun spot discovered by Prof. Cole of Chicago was plainly seen through smoked glass here yesterday. The spot was deep black and seen readily on the northwest corner

ISLIP'S BIGGEST FIRE.

Principal Block in the Village Destroyed by a Night Blaze. The principal block in Islip, L. I., containing ten residences, two hotels, the tele-

phone exchange and several stores, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire started just after 11 o'clock in the art studio of a Miss Clock. She was lighting a gas jet near a lace curtain, and

it caught fire. The room and then the house was soon in flames. The fire spread to adjoining buildings, and soon every building in the block was ablaze. A call for help was sent to Babylon and Pay Shore, the nearest towns, and the firemen there made their way through the snow and cold to the fire.

fined to the one block. The damage was put at \$50,000. SKATING SUNDAY NIGHTS. Commissioner Pallas Decides to Try a

With their arrival the flames were con-

Pleasant Experiment. Park Commissioner Pallas has decided to try the experiment of permitting skating in Central Park on Sunday evenings, and

Sunday. on Sundays, but was stopped at sundown. Calcium lights, policemen and attendants will hereafter be on hand until 10 o'clock. If the experiment proves successful, the new order will be carried out during the remainder of the season.

CHADWICK SUED FOR \$5,000. Summit Hackman Whom He Assaulted more drastic ones added. Wants Damages for His Bruises.

against Deputy Assistant District Attorney Chadwick of New York for \$5,000 damages for assault on Henry Hopsts, a local hack driver, have been filed here. During a recent storm Hopsts was engaged at the depot by W. E. Badeau, the broker. Badeau turned aside to greet a friend and Chadwick started to get into the carriage. Hopsts refused to drive him to his nome in New England avenue, and alleges that Chadwick dragged him from his seat and beat him so that he was confined to his bed for two weeks and has suffered constantly since the assault. Chadwick was arrested

CUBAN MINISTERS RESIGN.

Action Prompted by Palma's Adherence

special Cable Despatch to THE S HAVANA, Feb. 2 .- Senor Diaz, Secretary of Public Works; Senor Cancio, Secretary of Public Instruction; Senor Montes, Secretary of Finance; Senor Ortiz, Secretary of Justice and Foreign Affairs, and Senor Yero, Secretary of Government, tendered Emperor could summon up sufficient resolutheir resignations to President Palma tion for so radical a step.

The President did not accept them, and the Secretaries left their resignations on the table. It is understood that their action was prompted by the announcement made | not meeting with the popular responses last night by President Palma to a deputation of the Moderate party signifying his adhesion to that party

TIED HIM UP AND SAT ON HIM. Bearding House Garrison Too Strong

for an invader. A hurry call for police was received at the West Forty-seventh street station at 11 o'clock last night from a boarding house at 243 West Forty-ighth street. Policeman Walsh was sent around to that address to investigate, and found a big man on the parlor floor tied up in many yards of clothese and with two heavyweight boarders

itting on him.

Mrs. Jackson, who keeps the boarding house, told Policeman Walsh that the tied-up man was Arthur B. Moore, whose wife and son lived in the house. She said they had separated from Moore. Moore appeared at the house last night armed with a liliant case and demanded to see his wife. illiard cue and demanded to see his wife. He swung the billiard cue, and the star bearder division flanked him and did him

Moore was locked up on a charge of assault. MISS HOOS DEAD OF POISON.

Ex-Mayer's Daughter Said to Have Taken Acid by Mistake. Miss Laura F. L. Hoos, a daughter of ex-Mayor Edward Hoos of Jersey City,

died of carbolic acid poisoning on Wednes-day at the home of her brother, ex-Police Justice Edward H. Hoos, 965 Summit avenue, Jersey City Heights. She was in her eighteenth year. Ex-Tax Commissioner Robert Hoos said last night that his sister mistook the vial containing the poison for a bottle of medicine. Miss Hoos caught a severe cold last fall while stopping at her father's summer home in Spring Valley, N. Y., and had been an invalid ever since. She was popular among the younger Jersey City society set.

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CZAR NOW FAVORS REFORMS.

MUST MEET STRONG PRESSURE

FROM GRAND DUCAL CABAL. Benial That He Has Granted a Constitution, Coupled With a Declaration for Better Labor Laws-Fear That He Will Again Yield to Reactionaries.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.-The story sent to the London Telegraph yesterday. to the effect that the Czar had signed a ukase granting a constitution, was telegraphed back to this city. It has elicited a semi-official statement declaring that

the report is inaccurate. The statement

adds: "It was probably based on the following circumstances: The Council of Ministers, as already announced, had rejected a motion made by M. de Witte, that it should record its opinion in regard to the incidents of Jan. 22, and should adopt measures to prevent the recurrence of such events. on the ground that it would exceed its

powers in so doing. "Thereupon M. de Witte, whose special opinion was entered upon the minutes of He believes the spot will be visible for | the council, submitted to the Emperor a memorandum, which his Majesty approved. The Council of Ministers held an extraordinary sitting on Jan. 31 to discuss this memorandum, when the question of an inquiry into the events was discussed and the Minister of Finance was empowered to prepare a scheme of social legislative reform with special reference to the question of labor."

FEAR ANOTHER CRANGE IN POLICY.

This official notice of a foreign correspondent's announcement is a novel departure. It will be seen that it confirms partially the information on which the correspondent placed his Utopian interpretation of a Magna Charta and constitution, and makes a formal admission of the Emperor's new attitude in favor of important reforms.

This attitude in any other country would signify a complete change in the situation. It is impossible, unfortunately, to count with confidence upon the permanent development of the new policy.

The Czar has listened at last to the counsels of prudence and common sense offered by certain of his Ministers, who have dared to put the situation in its true light before him. He is convinced of the reasonableness of their recommendations, and it is undoubtedly his honest intention at the present moment to adopt them. The first the new order will go into effect next effect will be to bring down on him the ful force of the grand ducal influence, which Skating has hitherto been allowed there five weeks ago induced him to abandon his intention to grant the main demands of

the zemstvos' programme. We may expect, as then, a hurried visit of Grand Duke Sergius from Moscow and the reemployment of whatever arguments and threats have heretofore served to turn the Czar from a liberal policy, with perhaps

His Majesty's position is in fact more evidence of his good intentions, but in a manner which will speedily expose him to grave peril at the hands of his reactionary entourage unless he yields once more to

their behests. CZAR'S ONE HOPE OF REALLY BULING.

There is, indeed, but one way in which he could effectively establish reform rule in Russia without exposing himself to almost certain assassination. He might secretly authorize a man like M. de Witte to make preparations for a coup d'état, by which the Czar would be suddenly rescued from his entire surroundings and established under a faithful guard in another palace, whence he could give orders for sweeping out the whole of the rascally official crew, including, of course, the Grand Dukes. It would require courage and great force of character to adopt such a course, and it is not expected that the

NEW STRIKES START UP.

Meantime yesterday's conciliatory attitude and vague promises of reforms are that was expected. The authorities were surprised to-day by fresh strikes in two of the principal cotton mills and a large iron works. The sole reason for the strikes was to make a protest against the unrepresentative character of the so-called delegation of workmen received by the

Czar. To-day's strikers, who had returned to work Monday, complain that the men sent to Tsarskoe-Selo were individuals selected by the authorities and were not chosen by the workmen, who repudiate them There is little doubt that some pretence of granting concessions will be approved even by the reactionaries, as they realize that the country cannot be ruled by bayonets alone, and that an attempt must be made

to gain some degree of popular good will. The test will be when it is discovered whether there is any real substance in the reforms. The Czar's present mood is to grant a genuine measure of popular liberty and even the creation of a legislative body with real powers. It remains to be seen whether the reactionaries will reduce his intention to mere words or empty promises. as they did with his Christmas proclama-

PLAN OF REPORMS FOR WORKINGMEN.

M. Kokovtaeff, Minister of Finance, explains the attitude of the Government to-

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